



Notice of Election

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Title: System and Method for Vent Hood Cleaning and Comprehensive Bio-remediation of Kitchen Grease

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ELECTION:

In response to the requirement for election mailed 9-29-03, I hereby elect the invention for Group I, Claim 1.

However, U.S. Patent 5,874,292 outlines the necessity of Claim 3 as being integral to the "Process" in that the invention cannot operate as a "system" in the absence of the unique baffle filters, which provide a means of containing the washing fluid within the vent hood during a cleaning cycle. Accordingly, Claim 4 deals with a means and method of controlling and monitoring the "system" in order that it can be activated automatically on a timed cycle while affording an alternative means of control for kitchen staff to override automated functions.

Therefore, I respectfully request that you re-evaluate your comments contained in the "Detailed Action" that "Inventions I and III are unrelated" as these claims are an integral part of and essential to the "Process" or "Method" referred to in Claim I.

Respectfully yours,

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